

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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TESTING AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES FOR AUTOMOBILE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have decided to upgrade the testing and development facilities for the automobile sector;
- (b) if so, whether the automobile industry had submitted an A&D blue print involving an expenditure of Rs.1044 crore to the Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government have examined the blue print;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government also propose to utilize a part of the fund collected as cess; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Yes, Sir. Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has submitted a report on the present and future testing requirements of industry. The report envisages, inter-alia, upgradation of existing facilities, setting up of independent testing centers in South & North India, an independent proving ground/test track to meet the requirements of industry. The estimated cost for such facilities is of the order of Rs.1480 crore spread over a period of 8 years.

(f) & (g): The project is proposed to be partly financed with the cess funds. Efforts are also being made to tap other possible sources of funding like plan allocation, funding from multilateral agencies, contribution from the industry etc.